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LONG BEACH

Citizens connect and clash

Community members connect and clash at town hall session.

By Ammi Ruiz
Staff Writer

Tensions rose Monday night as roughly 1,000 residents of the 47th District packed the Long Beach City College auditorium for a town hall meeting with Rep. Alan Lowenthal, D-Long Beach.

Topics discussed at the "Conversation About America" event held by the Democratic congressman centered around health care, immigration and the environment.

Constituents were given the opportunity to voice their concerns about the national issues to Lowenthal and three other guest speakers that joined him onstage.

James Gilliam from the American Civil Liberties Union, Alicia Morales from the Long Beach Immigrant Rights Coalition, and Dr. Elisa Nicholas from The Children's Clinic in Long Beach joined the representative in responding to inquiries and giving advice in a panel.

Most attendees seemed to be in agreement with the political matters mentioned at the town hall, but the event got off to a tense start due to a few loud remarks made by Trump supporters.

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CSULB

Research Foundation receives $2.5 million grant

The engineering and computer science building will be getting a "smart" makeover.

By Sol Mendez
Staff Writer

The California Energy Commission awarded a $2.5 million grant to the Research Foundation of Cal State Long Beach to modernize the Engineering and Computer Sciences building.

Announced last week, the grant will be used to make the 28-year-old building a "smart" building, which would reduce energy cost of the facility and be energy efficient, according to the Public Affairs office of CSULB.

Electrical engineering professor Masoud Anzari, Paul Wingco from Facilities Management and other industrial partners submitted the grant proposal with one task in

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Luke Ramirez | Daily 49er

TEXAS SWEEP

Long Beach State beach volleyball team sweeps Texas Christian University Tuesday at the LBSU Sand Courts. The win continued the team's unbeaten streak at home.

Following beach volleyball's sweep of the Horned Frogs, the Long Beach State Dirtbags beat No. 3 TCU at Blair Field.

To read about the 49ers' wins over TCU, **see pages 7 and 8**.

CAMPUS PROGRAMS

CSULB students find an Alternative Spring Break

Students and faculty are to travel to Louisiana to help rebuild 12 years after Hurricane Katrina.

By Roberto Herrera
Assistant Social Media Editor



Photo courtesy of Alfred Pallarca

Students begin to add a roof to the home they built in New Orleans in April 2015 as part of the CSULB Alternative Spring Break program.

For many students, spring break is a time to travel, go home to their families or relax and enjoy a week off from school, but for a select few it means lending a helping hand in New Orleans.

The Alternative Spring Break program at Cal State Long Beach sends students to New Orleans once a year during spring break. Students then help rebuild a community that continues to suffer from Hurricane Katrina 12 years later.

Students of all majors and years are invited to apply for the program during the fall semester and approximately 90 students apply every year. However, only 30 applicants are chosen for the trip itself. The adjoining classes are taken in the spring semester.

Alfred Pallarca, a political science graduate student from CSULB, was part of the program in spring of 2015.

Pallarca said he and his peers talked to many people who were affected by Hurricane Katrina in different ways.

"They either lost a family member, lost a home, or lost everything," he said. "It's a lot different when you're there than just reading about it."

He mentioned that the class is different when it comes to getting to know classmates.

"Each semester you take a class and you get to know a few of your classmates, but this is so much different because you actually get to travel with the people you go to class with and you really get to know them," he said.

After being accepted to the program, a fee of $325 is paid by the student, which covers air and ground transportation, food and lodging.

For the first time, a second class called Politics of Community Responsive Forensic Science was added to the program this year and will be taught by forensics professor Elana Quinones-Conant.

This year is Quinones' first year in the program.

In previous years, students were offered only one course called University 300, or Politics of Disaster, taught by English professor Dennis Lopez.

Lopez said that in Politics of Disaster, students learn about the effects of Hurricane Katrina and how it affected New Orleans and the rest of the U.S.

Steven Tataje, a junior criminal justice major participating in the Alternative Spring Break, said that his expectations for this trip are mostly to gain knowledge of the history and culture of New Orleans to further understand how Hurricane Katrina impacted the community.

"Even though Katrina happened over 10 years ago, New Orleans is still affected by it today because there is a lot to still be fixed up," Tataje said.

Students also learn about the history and culture of New Orleans prior to the trip.

Lopez explained that the class discusses the social, historical and political aspect of the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

He added that the class also examines how inequality and racism caused disaster relief responses to fail.

In addition to participating in educational activities, the students partner with Habitat for Humanity to rebuild homes in the city, according to Lopez.

Quinones said that the university advertised to faculty on campus that there was interest in the creation of an additional Alternative Spring Break Program. She then submitted a proposal for her program concept and was accepted.

"My course teaches forensic science and has students study different forensic investigations that range from the 1800s till present day that have specifically occurred in New Orleans," Quinones said.

"We dissect [those cases] from a criminal justice and general public scientific standpoint. Sort of a 360 degree investigation on forensics."

Quinones added that once in New Orleans, students break off into groups and have to design a forensics science experiment.

Melissa Merlos, senior child development and family life education major, is currently enrolled in the forensics class and, along with her group, will be teaching an eighth-grade class about forensics.

"I think this program will benefit both the community of New Orleans and us students because we get to see the reality of how people are living in a different state that was affected by a natural disaster," Merlos said.

They plan go to different middle schools and hope to inspire children to learn about science by allowing them to see a practical application of what they are currently learning in school and how it applies to forensic science.

"At the same time, we help the community by encouraging kids to gain an interest in science," Quinones said.

Merlos said she hopes to learn what children's lives are like in New Orleans and be able to get to know them to see how different their lives are like from life in Southern California.

"It's really nice that [through education] we're contributing to the rebuilding of the community," Merlos said.

Quinones said that the program is an excellent opportunity for students because they are able to not only learn something, but are also able to apply their knowledge into a community service setting.

"I'm really excited about it and it's been going really great so far," Quinones said. "My expectations are that my students get inspired to become mentors in their own field or major."

Students leave on March 26 and return April 1.

Those interested in applying, should visit the Student Life and Development office located in the University Student Union room 215 or email Brett.Waterfield@csulb.edu.

MEETING

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"I don't like you talking about my president like that!" yelled Arthur Schaper after a comment Lowenthal made about Trump not being respectful.

Other attendees booed and yelled back at Schaper various times. He was the only attendee wearing a red "Make America Great Again" cap.

A Los Angeles Unified School District teacher spoke about her concerns over deportation raids at schools. She said she has started locking the doors of her classroom.

Tobias Newman, a 13-year-old who attends school in Long Beach, also spoke on the topic of immigration.

"The day after Election Day, I saw lots of kids crying and scared that their families would be deported. What can we and what are we doing to prevent families from being torn apart?" he asked.

> "I don't like you taking about my president like that!"
>
> *-Arthur Schaper, Town hall attendee*

Lowenthal spoke on his opposition to the travel ban and the proposed wall along the Mexican border, while the Trump supporters chanted "Build that wall!"

Angela Madsen, a disabled war veteran, said she was worried about the privatization of health care.

"Our healthcare [system] isn't broken. It's just a little bit obstructed. We want to get rid of the for-profit people," Madsen said.

One woman mentioned hiring a "special prosecutor" to remove President Trump from his position, which caused a majority of the attendees to spring to their feet and applaud.

The meeting was scheduled to last from 6-8 p.m., but several community members waited afterwards to talk to Lowenthal and the panelists.

"I hate to say it, but it was a little cliché when [Lowenthal] acted like a politician – not really answering some of the questions and stuff," said An Nguyen, who traveled from Buena Park to attend the event.

Nguyen said the recent election awoke him from a state of apathy towards political activism.

"Overall, I felt this was a really good town hall. I really appreciated that [Lowenthal] included the Republicans here and let them speak," he said.

"We've never had this large of a town hall meeting … but I feel that these people are feeling the need for ongoing contact with their congressmen," said Lowenthal in an interview.

Lowenthal said the reason a large number of people attended the event was because they're feeling frustrated and are unsure of what to do, but they want to get connected.

"People are beginning to realize that the decisions that are being made in Washington have a tremendous impact on their lives, and the only way we're going to change things is if they get involved," the congressman said.

MONEY

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mind: to make one of the engineering buildings "smart."

"I spent more than two months to put together a very strong team and come up with a great idea," Anzari, who was co-principal investigator for this project said. "So, we applied to open solicitation for new technology for university buildings."

The CEC stated that CSULB's research foundation had been given the grant in order to "develop and demonstrate an innovative, pre-commercial energy management system for control of lighting, HVAC and plug loads to reduce energy use and be capable of anytime demand reduction during demand response events." These are the specifications that will make the building "smart."

The Energy Almanac of the CEC, who awarded the grant, states that its primary focus is identifying major energy trends and issues in California.

Its responsibilities are to collect California data on all forms of energy, supply, demand, conversation, public safety and other closely related subjects.

The proposal was approved in late 2016, and the project will begin in late March and culminate in 2020.

The grant itself has four main tasks: designing the smart building, implementing new technology, evaluation and, eventually, transferring the knowledge.

With over 80 structures on the CSULB campus, the College of Engineering holds one of the most high-energy intensity buildings on campus.

According to Anzari, though, the modernization of the engineering building would "show the impact beyond this building, even beyond Cal State Long Beach."

Furthermore, he stated that the set goal of this project would be demonstration, if not pre-commercial technology evaluation.

Additionally, CSULB spokesperson Susan C. Mills gave her input on what the grant meant for the school.

"This would provide important cost savings and could lead to similar smart buildings on campus," Mills said. "The California Energy Commission likely sees this as a model for buildings not just here, but throughout the state."

CRIME BLOTTER

Evacuation, swastikas and joyrides

By Adam R. Thomas
Staff Writer



Courtesy of Johnny Romero

Students were evacuated from their classrooms as dust set off the fire alarm in the Kinesiology building Tuesday.

Fire alarm set off by dust

The fire alarm went off in Cal State University Long Beach's kinesiology building around 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday. Students and faculty quickly evacuated the building and gathered on the campus grounds nearby while the matter was investigated.

"No one sent an email saying there was going to be a drill," said Greg Bunton, the equipment technician for the kinesiology building. "I thought it might have been kids pulling the alarm at first."

There was no visible smoke or flames and after looking into the matter, the University Police Department determined that dust in the east gym air vents had set off the alarm. Facilities staff were notified to clean them out and turn off the alarm. Once the alarms were turned off, students and faculty went back to their classes.

"Everybody evacuated just as we've drilled before," Bunton said. "I will definitely give the faculty and staff lots of kudos for that."

Anti-semitic flyers posted at USU

Flyers containing the anti-semitic message: "No K***s, No Problems. Aryan Underground" and featuring a swastika were discovered on Monday evening. At least two were discovered at the University Student Union, in the area of the Wells Fargo bank branch and the police substation.

Dave Wagner, the evidence controller for the UPD, stated that the matter was under investigation and the incident has been filed as a criminal threat. The flyers were quickly removed and are being analyzed by police, along with security camera footage.

Bike thieves caught and arrested

Two suspects were arrested for bicycle theft at Parkside commons near building Q on Sunday night. According to Wagner, assistance from college residents was crucial in making the arrests.

"The good thing is that people are made more aware, and so we're getting a great deal of public assistance," Wagner said. "People are keeping their eyes open, so they'll give us a call and we'll respond. If we're lucky, we can catch them."

Joyriders at the Pyramid arrested

Several subjects were arrested for theft of state property around 2 a.m. on Saturday night. The objects stolen were electric carts that faculty use to travel around campus which had been "rigged" so they could be driven. According to Wagner, the suspects were having fun joyriding in the carts at the time they were caught.

"I've been here since 1973, and it's an ongoing issue," Wagner said. "Happens all the time. Just another Saturday night at CSULB."

More vandalism in parking structure 2

Graffiti reading "DEB" was written in black spray paint on the northwest side of Parking structure 2 on Wednesday. Police responded to the call and notified maintenance, who have since removed the vandalism.

More anti-semitism in bathroom stall

Police responded to a report that someone had written an anti-semitic message on the inside of a men's bathroom stall in the USU on Wednesday afternoon. The comment was written in chalk and subsequently erased.

"The [bathroom chalkboards] were installed decades ago because students would write on the walls," Wagner said. "So, it was decided to give them something else that would be easier to clean up."

Off-campus rape reported

A female student reported Wednesday a rape that had occurred off campus. The victim stated she did not want to pursue prosecution and has been availed to resources at CSULB. Other than confirming that an investigation was underway, Wagner would not comment further on the status of the case.

"In circumstances like this, there's always the victim, and we have to take into consideration that person's wishes," Wagner said. "We do everything we possibly can to help that student."

Stalking reported near Liberal Arts

A female student reported a case of stalking that occurred near Liberal Arts 4 on the evening of March 7. The suspect was reported as making comments about the female student's hair and had followed her to at least two classes.

A description of the suspect was taken, and Wagner said that the investigation is ongoing.

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What Your Teachers Never Taught You
Lawfare and the Democrats
Dr. George A. Kuck (galbertk@aol.com)

The Democrats are masters of lawfare to defeat Republicans. What is lawfare? It is the immoral us of courts and law to slander and destroy opponents when Democrats lose elections. In my life, the two high profile Republicans politically destroyed by this tactic were former Speakers of the House Newt Gingrich and Tom Delay. Now, Democrats are trying to de-legitimize the election of President Trump by using judges that are sympathetic to leftists. President Trump's signed an Executive Order stopping immigrants coming from the countries which President Obama declared to be sources of terrorism. The judge's stay of that order has allowed a flood of people whose background could not be checked! ISIL stated they were imbedding warriors into the immigrant stream.

A second example of lawfare is the attempt to impeach President Trump because he has not sold all the real estate he has built up during his life. He has transferred the operation to his family. If his wealth was in stock, the stock could be put into a trust and a trustee appointed. For wealth in real estate, this is not a viable option. The "Emolument's Clause" was not meant to bankrupt businessmen serving as public officials. The following satire illustrates the tactic's maliciousness.

The following letter was found in the archives which survived the burning of the White House in 1812.

"Dear President Washington,

You have violated the "Emoluments Clause" of our constitution. Article I section b of the Constitution states "And no Person holding any office of Trust under them shall, without the consent of Congress, accept any present, Emolument or Title of any kind….." This clause prohibits your receipt of benefits of any of any kind whatsoever from business. Thus you must sell Mount Vernon to not violate this clause. Having your wife and heirs run the business is not enough separation between you and the possibility of corruption.

Sincerely,
Edmond Randolf
Attorney General of the United States"

Is lawfare a reasonable tactic? Keep your eyes open to how the left is using this tactic against President Trump to press for his impeachment in the major media.

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MOVIE REVIEW

King of the Cinema

"Kong: Skull Island" goes bananas on the action and makes it fun.

By Ross Siev
Contributing Writer

Hidden somewhere in the ocean lies a mysterious island where life isn't affected by outside forces. Despite this, Hollywood keeps finding a way to visit this island over and over again.

A move away from the classic 1930s-style theme, "Kong: Skull Island" doesn't reinvigorate the typical King Kong formula. Instead, it regurgitates generic monster stories, but keeps it entertaining to watch.

Reeling in from American troops pulling out of the Vietnam War, characters who are for or against the war provide a much daring change to the theme. Generally, the story of King Kong involves capturing a giant ape during the 1930s.

Acting as a set-up for the inevitable duel between Godzilla and King Kong coming in 2020, "Skull Island" is an improvement from the depressing 2014 "Godzilla," reboot as it mainly focuses on the titular monster while also providing a well-rounded cast of fun and interesting human characters.

Monster movies are back on the rise. With the likes of Godzilla pleasing a lot of nerds through CGI monster fights and sequels on the way, Legendary Entertainment is seeking to jump on this fad through exploring this cinematic universe.

But by shifting King Kong into being a misunderstood animal who fights other monsters, the ape's legendary status has been devolved down to a B-movie esque romp. Originally a tale of a tragic beast with some comparisons to animal detainment, Kong is now an understood monster defending himself and a tribe of natives from dinosaur-like creatures called the Skullcrawlers.

Each of the main stars, Tom Hiddleston, Samuel L. Jackson, Brie Larson and John C. Reilly, provide some sense of fun while also having some interesting character backgrounds.

There is a heavy focus on the Vietnam War setting throughout the first act of the film, as it quickly sets up each character before they delve into a tropical jungle filled with predatory monsters. By this point, you'll nearly forget that you're watching a Kong film.

Conspiracy theorist, and part of an organization dealing with the paranormal, Bill Randa (John Goodman) must prove that monsters exist. The only way to do this is by assembling a ragtag team of soldiers and scientists, and place these hapless victims on the mysterious Skull Island.

Through the first thirty minutes, character introductions are quickly introduced with their motivations being a main drive once they arrive on the island. For example, Lt. Colonel Packard (Samuel L. Jackson) is still upset from America pulling out of the Vietnam War, and goes on a vengeful path to kill Kong after a terrific action sequence of helicopters vs. ape.

The only main two characters who don't fully fit the story are Tom Hiddleston, who plays a retired British special forces tracker, and Brie Larson, who is a pacifist, anti-war photographer and Kong's main love interest. Afterall, Kong should keep some of his original character.

The secondary characters are filled with little characterization beyond being overly scared or not-at-all interesting. The soldiers are filled with cliché Vietnam War film characterization – but that's the point when basing "Skull Island" off of typical war movies.

Director Jordan Vogt-Roberts, alongside with cinematographer Larry Fong, provide artistic scenes in all of its CGI-style glory. From its quiet moments to tension-building scenes, certain shots bring out the prettiness of the horrific island. The pretty moments shine through the gratuitous carnage and comedic scenes.

Since this was a B-style move with an A-move budget, the move into the Vietnam War theme provides a sense of fun that a monster movie always needed.

John C. Reilly provides the comedic lines, Tom Hiddleston plays it straight, and Samuel L. Jackson, as always, gets mad. Each actor has strong suits that make "Skull Island" into a highly enjoyable adventure through the otherwise dangerous and mysterious jungle.



Warner Bros
"Kong: Skull Island," rumored to be the predecessor to a King Kong vs. Godzilla film, hit movie theaters March 10.



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CAMPUS EVENTS

Propaganda brings dialogue through rap

Christian rapper and activist speaking about race relations on Thursday at CSULB.

By Samantha Diaz
Staff Writer

In the midst of a politically and socially tense era, Cal State Long Beach has become a place where many different opinions and views are openly expressed. It's not hard to spot fliers for speakers and demonstrators sharing their voice on the current issues facing America.

InterVarsity Christian Fellowship of CSULB will be hosting Christian rapper and activist Propaganda for an on-campus event in LH 151 discussing the intersection of faith and justice this Thursday from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. in an effort to represent the Evangelical voice on the issue of racial injustice in our country.

"[Propaganda's rapping is] a form of dialogue [delivered] in a more artistic way that I think a lot of people will really appreciate," said Daniel Sunkari, InterVarsity's press contact.

Propaganda is an L.A. native, African American social activist who focuses on issues of racial justice and how Christians in particular view and address those issues. He now lives in Long Beach and uses his rapping, spoken word and preachings to acknowledge race issues in America and in churches.

One of his more political tracks, "Precious Puritans," challenges white pastors and Christians who quote Puritans while not addressing the fact that they condoned slavery and did not fight for equal rights for black people. He has been criticized in the Christian blogosphere for sparking such controversy to which he told Relevant magazine, "I'll stop talking about it when it stops being an issue."



JASON PETTY
PROPAGANDA

The rapper will be coming to CSULB as a part of InterVarsity's "Take Action" series. The series has covered issues such as romantic relationships, conflict, cross-cultural communities and now — race, all in an effort to teach students how to think about these issues with a Christian mindset.

"We understand that this is a necessary conversation to have and in the past year … this dialogue has been happening on campus through protests and a lot of people are very tense and angry," said Sunkari. "People want to know what Christians have to say about it. People want to know what God has to say about issues of justice."

InterVarsity hopes to engage both Christians and non-Christians at the event in attempts to tell all students how they can take action in the face of these issues. There will be a pre-event club meeting from 5 - 7 p.m. in Peterson Hall 141 where students can participate in a study of the Bible and hear from club leaders what the Bible says about justice.

Following the club meeting, students will walk over to Lecture Hall 151 where they can hear Propaganda perform and speak on racial justice from a Christian point of view. After the performance, there will be a Q&A, allowing students to ask any questions they have on these complex issues.

"Propaganda not only shares a similar story to many of us, but he addresses these very complex topics in a very creative way," said Sunkari, who chose to host the rapper. "His life is very much in the crosshairs of racial justice in America."

Sunkari says InterVarsity hopes to use this event as a catalyst for Christian college students to find their voice and take action against issues that affect their everyday lives. Being a racially and ethnically diverse club, Sunkari said this event falls in line with the values InterVarsity promotes.

"A value we hold at InterVarsity is that we believe in a Jesus who brings faith and justice together and who very much lived that out and taught that," said Sunkari. "A lot of times we feel very frozen and overwhelmed by these issues of injustice, but there are ways for us to take action as students."

With this event and open discussion, students will have a chance to do just that.

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Homeless but not heartless

City laws and locals turn their head at the sight of homeless people; in doing so, turn away from humanity.

By Hanna Suarez
Opinions Editor



Hanna Suarez| Daily 49er

Fliers showing genuine concern and providing resources for homeless people (left) put up in opposition of anti-panhandling posters (right) at the intersection of 7th and PCH.

Last week, third district councilwoman Suzie Price moved for a legal item which would prohibit panhandling on city mediums, such as busy intersections, in an effort to keep drivers and solicitors safe.

According to an article by the Long Beach Post, one infamous example of where such risky solicitation occurs is at the intersection of Pacific Coast Highway and 2nd Street, which is within Price's district.

The article also reports that one man, Stefan Borst Censullo, opposed the supported action. Censullo spoke out to say, "This [measure] is an attempt by the cosponsors to, at best, remove poor people out of sight and out of mind, and at worst, it represents a continuing trend by the city to criminalize poverty."

The phenomenon might be witnessed up the highway on the sunny side of 7th Street, where weathered and worn vagabonds stand with sober eyes toward oncoming traffic and stake their claims on the concrete slabs with torn pieces of cardboard. They hold signs that read: "Homeless student, anything helps," or "Homeless veteran. God Bless You," and "Hungry and homeless,"—harrowing reminders of poverty's humble offices.

As if the task of panhandling were not humiliating enough, an anonymous individual went out of their way to post laminated signs on posts at this intersection which say, "IT'S OK TO SAY NO TO PANHANDLERS / AND THEIR HABITS INSTEAD GIVE TO / LOCAL CHARITIES." This was an even more disconcerting presence.

Upon further consideration, I realized that the flier does make several gross accusations. First of all, the term "panhandler" has got to be one of the most degrading labels. The meaning of panhandling is understood as the act of begging.

The poster does further injury by accusing homeless people of "habits," (undoubtedly, drugs) which increases negative stigmas that further dehumanize less fortunate people who are simply trying to survive.

There are major problems concerning the language that is tossed around, not only do words like "panhandler," and "free-loader," erase any kind of struggle that homeless people face, but it prevents compassion, empathy and proactive action.

Lawmaker's like Price who make the eradication of homeless people their priorities miserably fail humans, for the benefit of wealthy residents and economic prospect. Effectively, legal actions like panhandling bans make it clear that homeless people are not allowed to be in public spaces, therefore not allowed to exist.

The Gazettes reports in a January article from last year that East Long Beach residents were becoming increasingly frustrated by homeless people on the streets of Belmont Shore. The report covers different areas of concern posed by residents, Price and executive director of the Belmont Business Association, Dede Rossi.

> "Effectively, legal actions like panhandling bans make it clear that homeless people are not allowed to be in public spaces, therefore not allowed to exist."

Price offers, "The homeless today are very different than they were three or four years ago. We're at a point where we don't really know how to deal with them. Some are drug addicts, and they're choosing to be homeless."

Another clear example of the dehumanization of homeless people, making them out to be more like animals or vermin to be dealt with. I wouldn't be surprised if Price's constituents were involved with the posters at the intersection of 7th Street and PCH (I have yet to check if there are any on PCH and 2nd Street).

In the same article, Rossi makes her priorities clear, stating that "the only way to move panhandlers from the district is to change the public's behavior," and cites solutions like changing out open trash cans for closed ones and calling for people to stop giving them money, concluding that, "Some of them need help, but others seem to just live that way."

Of course, Rossi, who can explain it? Why sprawl on the street when you could live on a cozy villa along the Naples Canal, drink Long Island iced teas while you stroke your lap terrier and marvel at the crisp ocean breeze?

Public behavior definitely needs to change – but not in the way the likes of Rossi and Price want it to. We need a public that is welcoming of change, not just a public that offers change from their pockets and cupholders. A public that shows no pity, but compassion. A public that offers help, resources, a hand in need.

Taking a closer look at the hateful fliers on the intersection, I spotted a couple, diligently "panhandling," standing in defiance of the signs which reject their existence. As I was digging for the quarters in my wallet, I noticed another poster on the other side of the street.

"I'D RATHER HAVE PANHANDLERS IN MY COMMUNITY THAN HEARTLESS NEIGHBORS. To the person posting signs discouraging helping homeless people: EVERYONE THINKS YOU'RE A DICK KNOCK IT OFF. My signs will stop when yours do."

Attached was a laminated card with resources and services.

Now that is a start.

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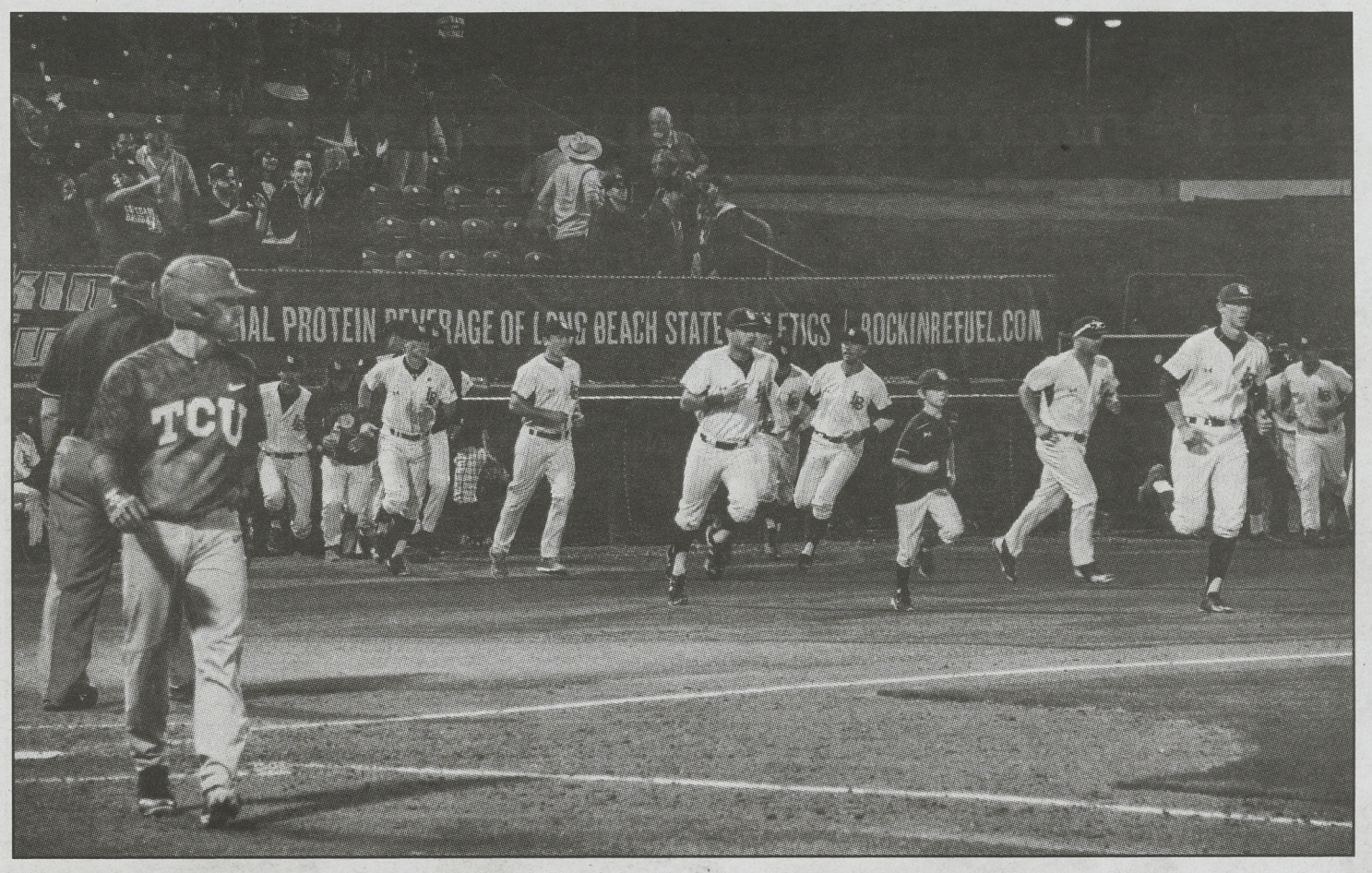
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A dejected Ryan Merrill, TCU infielder, looks on as the Dirtbags rush the mound in celebration at Blair Field Tuesday. The Dirtbags defeated the No. 3 Horned Frogs in a 7-0 win.

BASEBALL

Runs aplenty at Blair

Dirtbags have no problem against No. 3 team in the nation Tuesday night.

By Luke Ramirez
Assistant Sports Editor

There really is nothing like snapping a losing streak. The Long Beach State Dirtbags did just that on Tuesday night against No.3 Texas Christian University, winning 7-0 at Blair Field.

The Dirtbags (7-8) treated the home crowd of 1,732 to a great game against TCU (12-4) that put a halt to their four-game slide after losing a game to North Carolina and being swept by Arizona State March 10-12.

Junior AJ Jones made his debut on the mound for the Dirtbags on Tuesday after sitting out the first month with a shoulder injury. Jones sat 88-92 with his fastball and mixed in a changeup along with a sharp breaking slider.

"We just wanted him to pitch healthy," head coach Troy Buckley said. "He really likes to compete and he's going to bring a lot of depth to our staff."

Jones final line was: 3.0 IP, 1H, 2BB, 4Ks.

The junior starter was very effective against TCU, getting ahead of opposing batters and generating weak contact frequently throughout his debut.

"It's definitely fun being back with the guys and making a difference," Jones said. "All the hard work we have put in this season has led up to this so it feels good to get this one."

The game began rather quietly offensively with only four hits in the first three and a half innings. In the bottom of the fourth, junior designated hitter Luke Rasmussen led off with a single into right field.

Junior left fielder Lucas Tancas followed with a triple hit just inside the first base line past a diving Luken Baker. Rasmussen scored easily on the play but opted to slide into home head first in celebration.

The next batter Domenic Colacchio grounded out to the TCU shortstop Ryan Merrill that allowed Tancas to score and give LBSU a two run lead.

That wasn't all for the Dirtbags in the inning, however, as junior third baseman Ramsey Romano lifted a towering solo home run over the left field wall to pad the LBSU lead further.

"I knew their pitcher was going to challenge me," Romano said. "I got ahead in the count and got a hanging changeup that I was able to stay on and keep it fair."

The Dirtbags got some quality relief pitching from a few underclassmen who were inserted against a TCU team with a potent offense. Sophomore Eli Villalobos, freshman Connor Riley, and freshman Zak Baayoun all pitched well enough to keep the Horned Frogs from scoring.

"They all have good stuff," Buckley said. "Every opportunity they have to pitch is getting them closer and closer to getting more confidence and consistency out there."

The Dirtbags wouldn't score again until the bottom of the eighth inning. Romano came up with two outs and the bases loaded and hit a hard line drive on a 2-2 pitch right through TCU third baseman Elliot Barzilli's legs, scoring all three runs. The play was scored an error so Romano did not receive credit for the RBI's, but did drive the final nail in TCU's coffin.

The Dirtbags will look to turn the victory into a streak this weekend when they head to Malibu to face Pepperdine and Grand Canyon University on Saturday.

BASEBALL UPCOMING GAMES:

LB vs. WSU
When: Today, 6 p.m.
Where: Blair Field

LB vs. P
When: Saturday, 11:30 a.m.
Where: Malibu

LB vs. GCU
When: Saturday, 3 p.m.
Where: Malibu

LB vs. SD
When: March 21, 6 p.m.
Where: San Diego

LB vs. F
When: March 24, 6 p.m.
Where: Blair Field

LB vs. F
When: March 25, 2 p.m.
Where: Blair Field

LB vs. F
When: March 26, 1 p.m.
Where: Blair Field

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BEACH VOLLEYBALL

Perfect run continues

The 49ers have no problem against Texas Christian University.

By Luke Ramirez
Assistant Sports Editor



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Long Beach State's No. 3 beach volleyball team of Anete Brinke (10) and Hailey Harward (11) won their match today against Texas Christian University.

The No. 6 ranked Long Beach State beach volleyball team continued its winning ways on Tuesday, as the 49ers beat Texas Christian University 5-0.

The team (8-1) dominated the Horned Frogs (3-2) who were only able to win one set in five games.

"It was great to see the kids go 5-0 today," head coach Mike Campbell said. "It was a huge way to respond after being tired from the weekend."

LBSU played four matches, three against top ten ranked opponents, in Manhattan Beach over the weekend and were 3-1.

"It took a lot out of us but it was good to see that grittiness that we want to showcase as part of our team culture," Campbell said.

Tuesday's match kicked off with a win from the twos and the fours, both in straight sets. In flight two, junior Sasha Karelov and senior Kobi Pekich breezed through both sets against Molly Scheel and Haven Hill, 21-10 and 21-12. Karelov had 15 kills, 12 digs and three aces while her teammate Pekich contributed 13 kills of her own.

Seniors Morea Wagner and Heather Weiss won 21-16 and 21-12 in flight four against Ariah Palter and Sarita Mikals to give the 49ers a 2-0 lead after the first wave of games. Wagner entered Tuesday as the team leader in kills with 13, but proved to be a defensive force with 12 digs. Weiss handled the offense, hitting .818 with 18 kills.

LBSU continued the onslaught with two more wins from flights one and five that sealed the match win.

The No.1 team, juniors Nele Barber and Rachel Nieto, kept their perfect 8-0 record winning 21-9 and 21-14 against Jaelyn Greene and Amy Neal. Barber lead the way with 12 kills and also had two impressive blocks against Greene. Nieto racked up 10 digs and now has 95 in 2017.

In flight five, senior Jenelle Hudson and sophomore Kruidhof defeated Claire Doyle and Shane Peters 21-13 and 21-13. Kruidhof had two aces, one of her specialities in indoor, and Hudson had nine kills and 12 digs.

The final game of the day featured freshman Hailey Harward and junior Anete Brinke against Avery Arellano and Jillian Bergeson. The game went to a decisive third set after LBSU won the first 21-13 and lost the second 17-21.

The 49ers were down 9-6 but rallied back and tied the match at 12 after Brinke got a point on a momentum-swinging ace. Harward hit a ball that landed right on the high line to win the match.

"We made the right blocking call and I was there for the dig," Harward said. "[Brinke] made a good set so it was an easy point."

The win was insignificant as far as taking the match against TCU, but with both teams gathered around the center court, there was a lot of energy behind every point.

LBSU is now 5-0 at home this season and will look to keep that perfect record when they host Loyola Marymount and Pepperdine on March 16.

"We're going to watch a lot of film so that we can come into the game with a good gameplan," Brinke said.

Pepperdine holds the No. 2 spot in the nation and will be a tough match at home for LBSU.

"We're going to get our mind set back into that high competitive mode," Harward said. "Pepperdine is a great team and they're going to bring up our intensity."

The 49ers get started against Pepperdine on Thursday at 11:30 a.m. and then play LMU at 2:30 p.m.



Kobi Pekich waits for her teammate Sasha Karelov (5) to serve during their match against Texas Christian University Tuesday.

BEACH VOLLEYBALL UPCOMING GAMES:

LB vs. P

When: Thursday, 11:30 a.m.
Where: LBSU Sand Courts

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